

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled.

Claims 4-11 have been canceled as being drawn to one or more non-elected inventions without prejudice for filing divisional applications.

Claims 30-44 have been canceled as being drawn to one or more non-elected inventions without prejudice for filing divisional applications.

Claim 46 has been amended to change “Q-I-J-T” to read “Q-I’-J-K” and to change “I” to read “I”.

Claims 12-14 and 46 read on the elected invention.

Applicants submit that these amendments do not constitute new matter, and their entry is requested.

Claim Objection

Applicants note the Examiner’s objection to claim 46 with respect to the different definitions of the variable “I” and the suggestion to alter one of these terms. In accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion, Applicants have amended the second occurrence of “I” to read “I”. Applicants believe that this amendment obviates this objection, and withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for not further limiting the scope of claim 46. Applicants have canceled these claims, and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Concluding Remarks

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of the patent statutes and are patentable over the prior art of record.

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Reconsideration of this application and early notice of allowance is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if it will assist in expediting the prosecution and allowance of the instant application.

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